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Letter dated 26 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a copy of the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia of 26 July 2006 on ongoing developments in the Kodori Gorge (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Revaz Adamia
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on ongoing developments in the Kodori Gorge

In connection with the recent developments in the Kodori Gorge, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia states that sub-units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia are presently engaged in a police operation against organized crime, specifically against rebel groups of criminals.

The anti-criminal operation is taking place in full compliance with Georgian laws and international commitments undertaken by Georgia.

The Ministry deems it necessary to state that Georgia is not in violation of the Agreement on a Ceasefire and Separation of Forces, signed on 14 May 1994. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to clarify that the Agreement does not restrict the presence of police forces in the Kodori Gorge and the implementation of measures in that part of Georgia with a view to maintaining order.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirms that the police operation does not extend to the territory controlled by the Abkhazian de facto authorities. At the same time, special representatives keep in contact with the Abkhazian de facto authorities to bring clarity to the actual state of affairs.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to hold consultations with representatives of the neighbouring countries, the United Nations, international organizations and other sides concerned about the existing situation in the Kodori Gorge.